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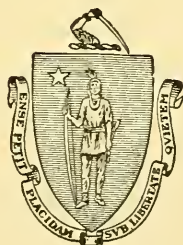
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1931.

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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State House, Boston, Mass., December 12, 1931.

To William F. Craig, *Director of Registration*:

Sir:—In compliance with statutory requirements, the Board of Dental Examiners has the honor of submitting to you its forty-fifth annual report for the year ending November 30, 1931.

MEMBERS OF BOARD

The members of the Board are Dr. George A. Thatcher, Chairman, Brockton, (1932); Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary, Boston, (1934); Dr. Charles E. B. Chase, Framingham, (1935); Dr. Harold W. Alden, Northampton, (1933); Dr. Frederick A. Keyes, Boston, (1936).

RETIREMENT AND APPOINTMENT

Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham retired from the Board in April of this year, having served the Commonwealth faithfully and efficiently for ten years, the last four of which he served as Chairman of the Board. Dr. Cunningham's personality, energy and great interest in the welfare of the Board were constant inspirations to his associates, never shirking responsibility, always giving his time and labor generously in the interest of the Commonwealth and the dental profession.

Dr. Frederick A. Keyes was nominated by His Excellency Governor Joseph B. Ely, on April 22nd, to succeed Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham. Dr. Keyes was confirmed by the Governor's Council on May 13, 1931, qualified and took his oath of office on May 13, 1931.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board was held in the State House, Boston, on December 17, 1930. Dr. George A. Thatcher was elected Chairman and Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year. The annual report of the Board was submitted by the Chairman, approved by the Board and the Secretary was instructed to draw up six copies of same as per request of the Director of the Department.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board at this meeting that all dentists who are sixty-five years of age or over and have practiced dentistry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for ten years be exempted from paying the two dollar annual registration fee.

The Board having allowed what is considered sufficient time for the dental profession to become familiar with the requirements of the Annual Registration Law voted for strict enforcement at the June meeting of this year. A full time investigator from the Department of Public Safety was appointed by Commissioner Alfred F. Foote on May 16, 1931. The duty of this investigator is to investigate complaints and enforce all dental laws. Up to the present time forty-five cases have been tried in court and the following penalties imposed:

1. For failure to comply with the Annual Registration Law for dentists

10 cases fined each	\$25.00
2 cases fined each	20.00
1 case fined	15.00
2 cases fined each	10.00
7 cases fined each	5.00
12 cases placed on file	

2. For allowing unregistered dentists to practice	
3 cases fined each	\$100.00
3. For practicing without being registered	
1 case fined	\$200.00
1 case fined	150.00
2 cases fined each	100.00
2 cases placed on file	
4. For failure to exhibit name in office	
1 case fined	\$10.00
5. For conducting a dental office under a corporate name not containing name of dentist	
1 case fined	\$10.00

DATES OF, AND PLACES WHERE EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD

The board has held two examinations of candidates for registration in dentistry, and two examinations of candidates for registration as Dental Hygienists. These examinations were held during the months of June and November, at Harvard and Tufts Dental Schools and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary, to which institutions grateful acknowledgment is due for helpful cooperation.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation received from the Attorney-General's office and the Department of Public Safety.

NATIONAL MEETING

Dr. George A. Thatcher was elected by the Board to represent it at the Annual Meeting of the National Board of Dental Examiners, held in Memphis, Tennessee, in October 1931. Much information valuable to the State and the Board is obtained through the attendance of representatives of our Board at these meetings. A full report of the transactions of the meeting was read by Dr. Thatcher at the meeting of the Board held December 12, 1931.

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY

	June	November
Passed	37	15
Rejected	5	5
Total	42	20
Total number of applications received		66
Number examined		62
Number passed		52
Number rejected		10
Number did not appear		4

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS DENTAL HYGIENISTS

	June	November
Passed	45	8
Rejected	0	0
Total	45	8
Number of applications received		53
Number examined		53
Number passed		53
Number rejected		0
Interne Registration Certificates issued		35
Duplicate certificates		7
Certified statements issued		20

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

Fees received from applicants, duplicate certificates and certified statements	\$2,131.35
Fees received from annual registration	8,060.00

Total paid into Treasury of the Commonwealth, Nov. 30, 1931.. \$10,191.35

Expenses

Salaries of Board	\$3,800.00
Travel	583.86
Office expenditures	1,349.18
Enforcement of Law	2,000.00

\$7,733.04

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. THATCHER, D. D. S., *Chairman.*

W. HENRY GRANT, D. M. D., *Secretary.*